

Dec. 8, 2024 2nd Sunday of Advent 11:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Advent Candle Liturgy

Hymn *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear #218*
Scripture *Jeremiah 23:5-6*
Scripture *Psalms 62:5-8*
Hymn *Majesty, Worship His Majesty #176*
Scripture *Matthew 1:18-21*
Sermon *Rev. Ted Henry*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Anti Racism Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Special Music

Hymn *Doxology #95*

SENDING FORTH

Announcements

Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel #211*

Benediction

Advent II Candle Liturgy Reading

Reader One: The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God's coming salvation. "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness" (Malachi 3:2b-3).

Congregation: In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God's peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God's grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God's love throughout the earth.

Reader Two: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God's kin-dom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

Light the second candle of the Advent wreath.

Advent 1 Candle Liturgy Reading

Reader One: From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, “The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah” (Jeremiah 33:14). Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

Congregation: While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God’s grace already at work in our midst.

Reader Two: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here—the days when God’s kingdom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.